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The Honorable Joseph M. Dodge
The Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dodge:

As a result of the severe curtailment in its resources, the Department of State has felt itself obliged to reorganize its Foreign Service Operations in such a way as to eliminate the following posts:

Publication Procurement Officer Rome
Publication Procurement Officer and
Geographic Attache (one individual) London
Geographic Attache for Middle East and
South Asia New Delhi
Geographic Attache for Latin America Caracas

The intelligence agencies are the primary customers of the service rendered by these officers who procure essential publications, documents, maps, and other geophysical data essential to our world-wide intelligence program. At the meeting this week of the IAC, representing all the intelligence agencies, concern was expressed at the damage that might be suffered if these activities were terminated, and the sense of the meeting was that I, as Director of Central Intelligence, should do what I could to support continuation of them.

This Agency has long supported intelligence activities of the Department of State such as producing National Intelligence Surveys or extra travel required by its collection offices. Though the Department of State should normally be expected to budget for overt collection posts, the circumstances this year present an unusual problem. I believe that the situation above outlined constitutes a special instance in which it is my responsibility as Director of Central Intelligence to take remedial action by supplying the necessary funds so that these essential collection activities may continue. The amount involved is approximately [redacted] on an annual basis and this amount is covered by our congressional appropriation though it may well have to be

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taken from activities which we regard as important though not as important as this basic collection one.

I request your approval, in principle, of the above action. A detailed proposal will be submitted by administrative officers of this Agency and the Department of State as soon as they can be drafted.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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by Mr. Dulles this date at
the White House.
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